

# Boy Scouts & Frederick County PARKS & RECREATION

Frederick County Parks and Recreation is delighted to offer programming for scouts that will assist them in meeting badge requirements in various areas. Scout programs are offered at Rose Hill Manor & Museums, Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center, Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center, and Middletown Cooking Studio.

Each program has been designed in accordance with Scout Handbooks and to provide scouts with the opportunity to complete their requirements in unique settings. The following is a list of programs currently offered for each level, however other programs can be provided upon request.

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### **Forester**

Come and discover the plant and animal life that resides in a forest. Learn to identify different trees and plants, investigate a tree's growth rings, and learn about wildfires. Scouts will create their own forestry poster. (Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **Geologist**

Investigate up close how the Earth was shaped. Examine and identify different rocks, minerals and fossils for evidence. Discover how mountains and fossils were formed and search the park for unique geologic features. (Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **Naturalist**

Explore the nature center and identify wildlife found in the park. Learn about bird flyways, poisonous plants and venomous reptiles. Hike along trails, discover unique habitats and enjoy the great outdoors. (Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

## Tiger

### **Make My Family Special**

Learn about life at Rose Hill. We'll discuss chores in the past and discover how family life was the same and how it was different many years ago. (Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)

### **The Show Must Go On**

Discover the history of puppetry and create your own puppets. Cub Scouts will conclude the program with their own puppet show using Rose Hill's puppet stage. (Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)

### **Learn About Animals**

Discover what animals are found in different habitats. Learn about what they eat, where they live, and what sounds they make. (Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **Feed the Birds**

Birds are all around us! Identify some birds up close, learn about what they eat, and create natural bird feeders to take home. (Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)



# Wolf

## Know Your Home & Community

Cubs will visit Rose Hill Manor and discover why historic locations are an important part of our communities.

(Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)

## Play a Game

Learn about and enjoy playing some historic games such as ring toss and marbles. We'll make our own ring toss game set to take home.

(Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)



## Cooking & Eating

Activities for this badge include, learning about the food pyramid, planning and helping to fix a meal for your family, helping the prepare the table and help wash dishes. Scouts will also fix their own breakfast and help with planning and cooking an outdoor meal.

(Middletown Cooking Studio)

## Birds

Investigate what kinds of birds are found in Frederick County. Learn about bird migration, identify different species, and create natural bird feeders to take home.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

## Your Living World

Learn about the different ways that you can make your environment a healthier place to live. Assess, research, and develop a plan of action to conserve the park's wildlife. Potential projects could include native tree and shrub plantings and trash clean-up, and recycling.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)





## Bear

### **The Past is Exciting & Important**

Investigate the past with historic newspapers and almanacs. We'll learn about the history of Frederick and help you discover your family history and begin a family tree.

(Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)



### **Games, Games, Games**

On the historic lawn of Rose Hill Manor, Cub Scouts will learn to set up and play croquet and other games that will challenge them to work as a team.

(Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)



Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **Sharing Your World with Wildlife**

Discover the wonderful wildlife that lives in Frederick County. View live animals up close and personal and learn about how animals become endangered or possibly extinct. Scouts will create their own wildlife poster.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **American Indian Life**

Explore the life of the Piscataway Indian tribe. Through activities and games, learn about their clothing, life-style, diet, and tools. Discover the differences between modern and historic shelters and create model to take home.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin



### **What's Cooking**

Learn how to make oatmeal cookies, make snack for the next den meeting, and prepare one part of your breakfast, lunch and dinner. Make a list of "junk food" and talk about why they are not good for you. Make trail food for a hike, make dessert with an adult and cooking something outdoors with an adult.

(Middletown Cooking Studio)



## **Boy Scout**

### **Metal Merit Badge**

Discover the history and art of working with metal from iron to tin. Meet the Blacksmith and create your own tin project to take home.

(Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)

### **Textile Merit Badge**

Learn to weave, dye and understand fabric. Make your own woven project to take home. (Rose Hill Manor Park & Museums)

### **Cooking Merit Badge**

Scouts will visit the Middletown Cooking Studio and prepare meals that they have previously planned out. Instructor will lead scouts in preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner on a charcoal grill or cooking stove as well as trail meals, with food supplies provided by the scout group. Instructor will also review basic food safety. Scout leaders will need to assist with supervising some activities.

(Middletown Cooking Studio)

### **Insect Study Merit Badge**

Describe and understand what make insects unique. Learn about some up close, discover their life history and determine how important they are. Identify insects in the park by exploring different habitats and create a "new" insect as a group.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

### **Reptile & Amphibian Study Merit Badge**

Investigate the amazing world of herpetology. Learn up close about the differences between reptiles and amphibians. Understand life history, habitat requirements and importance in the ecosystem. Discover the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes, listen for frogs and toads, and search the park for turtles, salamanders and lizards.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)



### **Mammal Study Merit Badge**

Explore the fascinating lives mammals live. Discover where they live, what they eat and how they sound. Learn how to identify mammals by tracks, scat, and other clues left behind. Scouts will create their own tracking poster.

(Fountain Rock Park & Nature Center/Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center)

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All scout programs are 1 ½ -3 hours in length, depending on specific program.

Scout Program Fees are \$8.00/per scout (Cooking badges may include additional food supply costs)

One adult chaperone is required for every 10 scouts

Minimum group size is 6 scouts and maximum is 20 (maximum size for cooking badge is 8 scouts)

Scout leaders may be asked to actively assist with program

Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks in advance

Additional scout programs and topics are available by request and FCPR staff is happy to work with you to develop a unique program for your troop

For more information or to make a program reservation, please call 301-600-1646

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